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Summit **Francophonie**

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper chats with France's Prime Minister Francois Fillon, centre, and Quebec's Premier Jean Charest, following the closing press conference yesterday at the Francophonie Summit in Quebec City. More coverage, page 4

Dion's gritty day of decision

Liberal finance critic MP John McCallum is the first choice of the Liberal caucus to take over the party as interim leader if Stéphane Dion announces today that he is going to immediately return to the House of Commons' backbenches.

Dion is going to reveal his decision to relinquish the Liberal leadership at a 2 p.m. press conference, and Liberal sources say the shell-shocked leader spent the weekend in seclusion with his family in Quebec, trying to decide the timing of his leave-taking.

He could announce that he will hand over the leadership now to an interim leader who would be in charge until a new head of the party can be chosen. Or he could ask the party to allow him to stay on himself as interim leader until a leadership convention, which will most likely be held in the spring.

Stéphane Dion

If Dion decides to give up the mantle immediately, Liberals say the consensus choice for interim chief is McCallum, the MP from Markham-Unionville. McCallum is bilingual, has few, if any, enemies in caucus and is the former chief economist at the Royal Bank.

Liberals are divided over what Dion's next step should be. Some say he deserves to stay on as Liberal interim boss until a new leader is chosen. There is no need for the party to humiliate him for losing one election when the party was already out of power, this group maintains.

Others say Dion needs to go so the party can move quickly to rebuild, raise money and get better organized under new leadership.

Liberal MP Bryon Wilfert, one of Dion's earliest and most loyal supporters, said yesterday that the decision has been difficult.

"If he is departing, I would not think he would stay on as interim leader, although I wish he would," Wilfert said.

Political rookie Justin Trudeau, cited as one possible leadership contender, said yesterday he would not be a candidate in the upcoming contest.

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Liberal party agreement

- If Dion does hand over the leadership immediately to an interim figure, the 76-member Liberal caucus and the party executive would have to agree on which MP takes over the reins temporarily.

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'Fast-moving fire' destroys four townhomes in hour

BARRHAVEN A fire destroyed four townhomes in Barrhaven yesterday afternoon.

According to Ottawa District Fire Chief Lyle Fraser, the fire started in unit 21 of a six-unit complex on Beatrice Drive at around 3 p.m. and spread very quickly to units 19, 23 and 25.

"It had a lot of heavy smoke and flame out the rear. It was a fast-moving fire, but we were able to get in and get it under control before it got to the whole row," he said.

The fire was out within an hour, but firefighters were on scene watching for hot spots for hours after that.

No one was injured. The owner of unit 21 arrived home after the firefighters and received attention from paramedics due to shock. A damage estimate was not available at press time, but it was "substantial," Fraser said.

Around 40 firefighters were on scene for the two-alarm fire.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Young girl drowns at wave pool

DEATH An eight-year-old girl drowned at the Kanata Wave Pool Saturday evening.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Ottawa paramedics received a 9-1-1 call stating that there was a possible drowning at the Kanata pool. The crew was on site minutes later, where they found the pool's lifeguards administering CPR, said paramedic team leader Michael O'Brien.

Lifeguards said they didn't know how long the girl had been under water, O'Brien said.

"Advanced-care paramedics inserted a breathing tube into the victim, and used intravenous medications to try to get her heart started again," O'Brien said.

They were successful in getting her heart started. She was taken to the Queensway-Carleton Hospital and later transferred to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario intensive care unit, where she later died.

The victim's name has not been released. Police said there are no indications of foul play.

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Unsafe driving program nets 203 arrests in September
The city's Integrated Road Safety Program charged 203 drivers for failing to stop for stop signs and school buses last month. The school bus initiative resulted in eight charges, which carried fines ranging from $400 to $2,000. The program's goal is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the city by 30 per cent by 2010. OTTAWA POLICE

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TREE grows in Ottawa

The City of Ottawa's Trees, Reforestation, and Environmental Enhancement (TREE) program has reached the halfway mark in its efforts to plant 100,000 trees in Ottawa by 2010. Over the last 18 months, 50,000 trees have been planted.
CITY OF OTTAWA

Graffiti mural bridges artists, city

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One of the west end's most targeted buildings for graffiti is now displaying the work of some of the city's most talented artists.

At the unveiling of a community mural project at the Ottawa Hydro transformer station yesterday, police, officials and project organizers said there's a place for everything – even graffiti – in the city.

Five local artists spent the weekend painting over a wall of the building at Richmond Road.

The mural project does two things – it engages the youth in the community while adding to the streetscape, said Bay Ward Councillor Alex Cullen.

"Before this, it was a blight in our community," Cullen said of the building.

Ottawa Police Insp. Jill Skinner said the project celebrates positive forms of graffiti.

"It sends a message to people out there doing graffiti that there are kids out there doing the right thing," she said.

Projects like this also reduce graffiti in the area, she added.

City graffiti artist Mike Mesa says the project "is a bridge for the graffiti artists and the City of Ottawa."

"It's good for the (artists)," he said. "It shows the community that we can do good stuff."

Ottawa needs venues like this, said artist Denis Ledman.

The 32-year-old Ottawa resident hopes the wall will open people's eyes to the skill involved in the art and get it some respect.

Organizers

- The mural project is a collaboration between the city, Ottawa Police, Foster Farm Family House, the Pinecrest Queensway Community Health Centre and Hydro One.

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Graffiti artist Mike Mesa, one of the coordinators of the community mural project, puts some finishing touches on the mural at the Ottawa Hydro transformer station yesterday.

Man arrested after two store holdups

THEFT A 26-year-old Ottawa man has been arrested in connection with two robberies near downtown on Saturday. Police say a man allegedly entered the Bell Pharmacy at 737 Gladstone Ave. around 3:40 p.m. and demanded narcotics under threats of violence. The pharmacist refused and the suspect fled.

One hour and twenty minutes later, a suspect entered the Main Street Food Market at 64 Main St. and demanded cash, again, under threats of violence. According to police, he fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

Following the second robbery, patrol officers arrested a suspect near Lees Avenue and the Transitway.

Joshua Johnston appears in court this morning.
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MADD dash for awareness, funds

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Algonquin College paramedic student Darryl Drake has lost two friends in drunk driving incidents, and took a moment to think about them during yesterday's first annual MADD Dash.

Seven years ago, one of his best friends was killed when a drunk driver ran a red light. His friend was the designated driver, bringing friends home from a party.

"(The impaired driver) hit the driver's side. I think he was killed instantly," said Drake.

"I remember being really angry. I try not to think about it, but it comes up every once in a while. But doing this is good, because it brings out some good from it."

Drake and 11 other classmates raised nearly $2,000 for the event in Kanata yesterday, which was part fundraiser, part awareness event aimed at eliminating impaired driving.

MADD volunteer Gregg Thomson said funds raised from the run would go to promotional campaigns and to pay for R.I.D.E. anti-impaired driving programs.

"It's great to see the youth out here," he said. "For MADD Ottawa, one of our primary focuses is on youth, because that's where we're losing most of the people in impaired-driving crashes."

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Algonquin College paramedic students Chris McDougall, left, and Darryl Drake exchange a high five at the start of the 10K race for the first annual MADD Dash fundraiser yesterday in Kanata.

Big plans

- Race director Bruce Miller said organizers have a five-year plan to turn the race into one of the major events in the city with more than 3,000 runners.

Getting up close and personal with science

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Melanie Ford had never considered a career in science — until yesterday.

"I had no idea it could be so fun, or so useful," said the 14-year-old. "I thought I was more artsy, but there are lots of things here that I wouldn't mind doing."

More than 3,000 people checked out energy-efficient cars, went on a chocolate chip cookie mining expedition, and made slime at the 12th annual Science Funfest at Natural Resources Canada's Booth Street Complex yesterday.

The event, which was a part of National Science and Technology Week, allows kids to get up close and personal with science, said Francois Faucher, of Natural Resources Canada.

With the help of 50 partners, Natural Resources Canada included exhibits that had applications that were close to home.

"This is science that is relevant to everyday life," Faucher said.

Popular events included panning for gold and the bug exhibit. "We've got about a dozen exotic and Canadian insects," Faucher said.

It wasn't just kids that were interested, but the target audience is youth, Fauscher said. "There is a need for science careers and science jobs. "These sorts of efforts are all to create a science culture, which is required if we want to keep the level of innovation in the country," Fauscher said.

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Sarah Littlejohn, 4, gets a little help making slime from Science Funfest volunteers Jordan Meade, 14, left, and Hailey Meade, 11, at Natural Resources Canada's Booth Street Complex yesterday.

News in brief

DEATH A woman found dead behind a multi-unit residential house at 323 Catherine St. Thursday died from natural causes, Ottawa police said. An autopsy performed on the body of the 49-year-old woman confirmed that foul play was not involved. Police initially said they were investigating suspicious circumstances when the body was discovered early Thursday morning. They have not released the woman's identity. TRACEY TONG / METRO OTTAWA

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These results are not official.

Angels' bunker burns
A fire gutted a Hells Angels bunker Saturday in Sorel-Tracy, about 90 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Witnesses reported that a vehicle rammed into the bunker, a two-storey garage-style building, just before the blaze began. Police confirmed a truck was found in the wreckage. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Legendary bodybuilder dies

Ben Weider, credited by some with discovering a young Arnold Schwarzenegger, died at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital on Friday at the age of 85. Weider was born in Montreal and spent 60 years in bodybuilding. He was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 1975 and promoted to officer within the order in 2007. Funeral services will be held today. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Halifax mayor wins third term

ELECTION Sparklers were lit at campaign headquarters in celebration Saturday night as voters in the Halifax Regional Municipality re-elected Mayor Peter Kelly for a third term.

Kelly defeated his main challenger, Sheila Fougere, a long-time city councillor, by taking about 56 per cent of the popular vote.

David Boyd, a tow-truck driver who campaigned on allowing more strip clubs in the city, finished a distant third.

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News in brief

STRIKE Workers at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport endorsed a strike vote last week. The Public Service Alliance of Canada said the workers would likely be in a legal strike position before the end of October. METRO HALIFAX

Premiers meet to talk about economic crisis

Canada's premiers are gathering in Montreal today to chart a course through the worsening global financial crisis that is walloping governments around the world.

"All around us, in the United States and in Europe, there are very real problems."
Quebec Premier Jean Charest

Provincial and territorial leaders are expected to implore Prime Minister Stephen Harper not to cut provincial transfer payments to avert a possible federal budget deficit.

"There will be some discussion about the cuts the federal government made last time they were facing a deficit situation," said a senior Ontario official.

"The cuts made by Ottawa for provincially delivered services in the mid-1990s damaged public services people count on in tougher times. Nobody wants to see that again.

"And now, most economists are saying that drastic reductions in government spending and government services would be harmful to the economy, not to mention the effect on families who are riding out this storm."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest, chair of the Council of the Federation, said last week that even though Canada's heavily regulated banks "are in good shape" there are concerns over the financial system.

"All around us, in the United States and in Europe, there are very real problems. We seem to be the exception to the rule, but we live in a global economy, a very open economy," he said.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty plans to brief his colleagues on the province's fall economic statement, which will be delivered Wednesday. Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has signalled that Ontario will be in a budget deficit position after years of surpluses.

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Investigators continue to conduct a grid search at the site of the second explosion near a gas pipeline in Northern B.C.

RCMP scour B.C. bombing site

DAWSON CREEK The RCMP continued yesterday to search the site of a second explosion near a gas pipeline in Dawson Creek, B.C., and into reports of a vehicle seen leaving the area.

The RCMP explosives unit and national terrorism team, and local search and rescue members have been conducting a grid search of the area since Friday.

"We are proceeding cautiously to make sure that no piece of evidence is missed," said Sgt. Tim Shields.

Two explosions erupted under two sour gas pipelines southeast of Dawson Creek on Oct. 11 and Oct. 15. KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO CANADA

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N.B. Tories pick new leader

David Alward is the new leader of the Progressive Conservative party of New Brunswick, defeating Sussex businessman Robert MacLeod. The former provincial agriculture minister triumphed on Saturday afternoon by a margin of 509 votes with 2,269 votes to MacLeod's 1,760. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

$100M toward climate fallout

Harper pledges to help poor countries

Despite criticism that his government hasn't done enough to deal with climate change here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced $100 million to help poor countries deal with the pressing environmental issue.

The money will be distributed this fiscal year primarily through international development organizations, Harper announced during the closing press conference of the summit of la Francophonie, held in Quebec City.

"Those monies are to be distributed almost exclusively to countries that aren't major contributors to climate change, or major sources of greenhouse gas emissions," Harper said, "but nonetheless will be affected" by climate change.

Targeted regions include the poorest countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the South Pacific, to minimize the impact of climate change.

The Francophonie is an organization of 55 countries where French is a spoken language, largely comprised of developing countries in Africa once colonized by France or Belgium.

Harper also voiced the need for the world to keep trade routes open and fight protectionism as the planet spins through a financial slowdown.

Developing countries in particular need access to trade opportunities, he said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Economy

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed with France yesterday that global, rather than country-specific, reforms are needed to deal with the global economic crisis.

Nova Scotia **Law enforcement memorial**

RYAN TAPP/METRO HALIFAX

RCMP officers march down Halifax's Barrington Street to attend the 26th annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service at that city's St. Mary's Basilica yesterday.

Ottawa to limit bisphenol A baby products

HEALTH The federal government will move to limit sales of baby bottles made with the chemical bisphenol A, a suspected carcinogen widely used for hardening and shatterproofing plastic and lining food tins.

Saturday's announcement comes amid mounting evidence it can leach into food and beverages.

The substance has been linked to cancer and infertility in laboratory animals.

"It is concluded that bisphenol A be considered as a toxic substance that may be entering the environment in quantity or concentration or under conditions that constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health," the Environment and Health ministries said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

SEXSOMNIA The Ontario Court of Appeal has overturned the acquittal of a man who had non-consensual sex with a stranger because he was asleep and suffering from "sexsomnia." A three-judge panel ordered a new sex assault trial for Toronto landscaper Jan Luedecke, but stipulated that it should focus solely on whether he is not guilty or "not criminally responsible" on account of having a mental disorder.

OUTBREAK More than 150 people in North Bay, Ont., are ill, potentially with a deadly strain of E. coli 0157:H7. The source of the outbreak has been traced to a Harvey's restaurant. The first cases of suspected E. coli started showing up Oct. 11. As of yesterday afternoon, health officials reported 159 cases, with 26 confirmed by laboratory tests.

CALGARY Police believe a gunman opened fire inside a downtown Calgary bar early Friday and injured five people because he had been bumped by another man, CBC News Online reports. Two of the five people injured were intended targets, but the incident does not appear to be linked to gangs, police said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Thoughts to make you think

HineSight

Anne Hines

Today, I'd like to share some wise words by other writers. I do this in hope that it will broaden our horizons. Introduce us to new ways of seeing the world. And get me out of having to come up with any material of my own.

Here are, "Thoughts That Just Make You Think."

1. From James Fitz-James Stephen who is most famous for reputedly having said, "Two million names in the universe and my parents had to use the same one twice."

He also said, "Originality does not consist of saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you yourself think." I wish I'd said that.

I want to be special, just the same as everyone else. Individuality is prized in our world. Unless it means dressing or acting different than other people.

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room. Something like that.

2. A deeply insightful quote from Henry David Thoreau. "Let us spend one day in peace, not upset and overwhelmed in the rapid whirlpool of life. If the engine whistles, let it whistle. If the bell rings, why should we run?" This is so true. Really, who isn't able if they choose to take a few moments and step outside the busyness of life, allowing our minds to simply… hold on, my cellphone's ringing, I should just answer this…

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room.

3. From Lady Astor. "I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do. But now that I am older, I find I don't want to do them anyway." I never know if I find this comforting or depressing.

4. Marie Osmond. Seriously. She said, "If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."

These are wise and helpful words to remember if you're, say, prone to being anxious or taking life too seriously or perhaps if you're, I don't know, let's say my partner, Liz, whose brand new Italian leather jacket I accidentally got ink on yesterday.

All words to live by. Or at least to puzzle over. Which is likely the best we can do. You can quote me on that.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Would you be more likely to vote in federal elections if you could do it online?

Jeffrey King
age 41, Ottawa

A: I just don't think there is a way that you could satisfy all the criteria that could make it valid, in terms of identifying people.

Patrick Bissonnette
age 31, Ottawa

A: You'd have more people vote because there is a huge number of people that have computers and Internet at home and won't be afraid of going to the voting booth.

Shawn Corbett
age 31, Ottawa

A: I don't think the technology is there to protect against voter fraud.

Virginia Brown
age 25, Toronto

A: No. They have polls everywhere, so it's not like it's very far to go from home. It was two minutes away, so it's not too difficult.

Sandhya Parkash
age 32, Halifax

A: I just think it would be more convenient, if someone had a busy lifestyle. We had to run out at the last minute.

Chris Spicer
age 20, Vancouver

A: I voted but would switch to electronically because it's more convenient. I think it would result in more youth voting.

Views

Bruce Lamesse, OTTAWA

Dear PSAC National President,

In the Ottawa Metro (Oct. 10) I saw that the union endorsed two Bloc Québécois candidates in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. This is unconscionable. You are aware that the mandate of the Bloc is Québéc's separation from Canada, right? You are aware that if that happens, all the union members in Québéc are no longer Public Service Alliance of Canada members, right?

The fact that "...the candidates have shown support for a strong public sector" is irrelevant when the public sector you support is Canadian and those candidates belong to a seditionist party whose core tenet is the dissolution of Canada as we know it.

Denis Emard, WESTBORO

On election day, the polls were opened at 9:30 a.m. I was the third person in line. After 35 minutes, finally it was my turn. I gave my card, which included my name and address, they crossed off my name from the list and then the woman excused herself because she had to ask her colleague how to fold the ballot.

She was confused as to how the ballot was going to be folded. Then she came back and gave me my ballot. I stopped her and said, I thought I was suppose to show I.D.? Oh, oh, yes, sir you are correct. These people had no clue what they were doing.

That evening, I was talking with a few friends. One said she was told to go to a church basement for voting, when she got there, there was no church; it was demolished awhile ago.

Another friend, who is mobility impaired, had to vote on the 2nd floor of a building, with no elevators. Another one went to her location at 9:30, but it was still closed.

And we wonder why only 59.1 per cent of eligible Canadians voted.

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Livni expected to form coalition and become Israeli PM

Tzipi Livni is expected to step up efforts to put together a coalition government and become Israel's prime minister, after the expiry today of an original 28-day period to form her administration. REUTERS

World/Business

Powell endorses Obama

Democrat Barack Obama won the support of former U.S. Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell yesterday and announced he raised a record $150 million last month, dealing a double blow to rival John McCain's presidential campaign.

McCain, despite trailing in opinion polls and fundraising, said he still expects to win the Nov. 4 election and could sense that "things are heading our way."

Powell, who served several Republican presidents including Bush as his first secretary of state, said either candidate would make a good president, but he was critical of McCain's uncertainty on how to deal with the economic crisis.

JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

A supporter of U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama holds a fake bill with Obama's face at a campaign rally in Fayetteville, N.C., yesterday.

Powell, who in the past was mentioned as possibly the first black U.S. president, told NBC's Meet the Press he backed Obama "because of his ability to inspire, because of the inclusive nature of his campaign, because he's reaching out all across America, because of who he is.

"I think he is a transformational figure," Powell said of the man who could become the first black president. "His is a new generation coming ... onto the world stage, American stage."

Powell's backing of Obama, 47, could give a boost to the foreign policy and national security credentials of the first-term Illinois senator and appeal to moderates and independents. REUTERS

Business

More rescue plans, bailouts

South Korea joined efforts yesterday to shore up banks and markets pummelled by an economic crisis that has spread across the world.

Seoul pledged $130 billion US in state guarantees and capital injections hours after U.S. and European leaders said they planned to hold a series of global summits to try to form an action plan.

U.S. President George W. Bush said on Saturday he would host the first crisis summit, shortly after the Nov. 4 U.S. federal elections, that would focus on "principles of reform" needed to fix the financial system.

The United Arab Emirates also said it would inject $19.06 billion US into long-term bank deposits, and Oman's Chamber of Commerce and Industry called for a cash injection into banks for financing.

Dutch financial group ING is in talks with the Dutch government about a state-backed cash injection estimated to be worth up to $12.12 billion US.

The European Central Bank said these global moves would gradually ease pressure on world financial markets. REUTERS

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Iraqi leaders hesitant to support pact with U.S.

TROOPS A pact that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for three years failed to secure the support of Iraqi political leaders yesterday, raising doubts about whether it can survive without new negotiations.

The Iraqi government took pains to say the pact was not yet dead, but the lack of an endorsement from a body known as the political council for security — which groups parliamentary faction leaders — makes its future far from certain.

"They just finished the meeting and they did not take a decision on the pact because some groups had reservations," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told Reuters.

The leaders were "still hesitant to approve or reject" the deal, he said, adding that only the main Kurdish groups supported the pact without reservations. REUTERS

OPEC 'likely' to cut oil production

OIL OPEC oil producers may cut oil supplies in two rounds, one when they meet next week in Vienna and a second later on, to drain oil supply surplus off markets and firm up prices, the group president said yesterday.

"It is not clear that we will take the decision to reduce supplies by 2 million barrels per day, but it is very likely that we will take a reduction decision this time and another decision later on to ensure prices stability," Chakib Khelil told Algerian state television.

Khelil also noted that there is a consensus among OPEC members that oil inventories are "very high," and "supply is higher than demand by around 2 million barrels per day." REUTERS

No resources to probe white collar crime: FBI

INVESTIGATION The FBI is struggling to find agents and resources to investigate white collar crimes tied to the U.S. economic crisis, the New York Times reported. Nearly 1,800 agents were shifted to terrorism and intelligence matters after Sept. 11. REUTERS

In brief

ENERGY P.E.I. will triple the amount of wind energy it produces over the next five years, creating an estimated $8 million in royalties, CBC News Online reports.

ECONOMY Consumer confidence fell this month, especially in Ontario, as more Canadians held off on big-ticket spending, and feared job losses and lower income. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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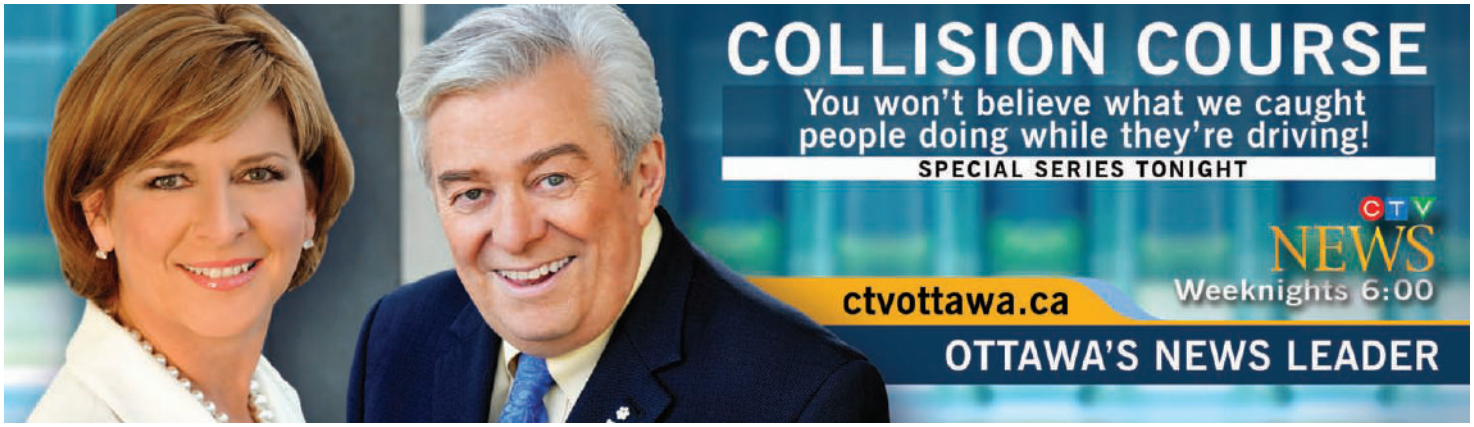

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Don't forget: We're animals too

When mammals are threatened, our existence is also threatened

ScienceMatters
David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

We humans sometimes forget that we are animals. We're mammals, and like all mammals, and indeed all animals, we are connected to and dependent on the web of life. When part of that web is in danger, we are all in danger.

And our mammal cousins are in danger. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, one quarter of the world's 5,487 known mammalian species face extinction in 30 years if we don't act now to protect them.

The causes of this biological crisis include habitat loss and damage, introduction of invasive species, pollution, harvesting, and climate change. Because many mammals are large (elephants, hippos, rhinos), exhibit extraordinary intelligence (chimps and gorillas), or have a ferocious nature (lions, tigers, and bears), we have often assumed that they are somewhat resilient to human impacts. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Scientists now believe that the biology of many mammals contributes to their vulnerability. For example, polar bears and grizzlies are particularly susceptible to decline because they require a lot of food for energy, they are large, and they reproduce infrequently and have few offspring when they do reproduce. Human impacts such as unsustainable hunting or habitat destruction put more pressure on the ability of these species to survive.

There is some good news, though. The IUCN assessment showed that "concerted conservation efforts" can bring mammals back from the brink. For example, by reintroducing the black-footed ferret into eight western U.S. states and Mexico, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managed to move the animal from the list of animals that were extinct in the wild to the endangered list.

But who cares about the black-footed ferret, or the wild horse, or the African elephant? We humans are not in danger of extinction, are we? As the top predator on the planet, our survival and well-being depend on the health and well-being of all life that supports us.

Even if we look just at the short term, we see that it's in our best interest to protect our fellow animals. As Dr. Jane Smart, head of the IUCN's species program, points out: "The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to prevent future extinctions. We now know what species are threatened, what the threats are and where — we have no more excuses to watch from the sidelines."

The rapidity and scale of response to failing financial institutions shows that we are capable of action when we perceive danger.

In Canada, we've seen some recent progress in the area of habitat protection. The federal government announced that it will protect 10.1 million hectares of boreal forest in the Northwest Territories, and the Ontario government announced that it will protect 50 per cent of its intact northern boreal forest.

We have to make some big changes in the way we do things on this finite planet. We can't just keep destroying habitat, polluting water and air, and killing fish and other animals faster than they can reproduce. And because we are all connected to this fragile web, we need to protect animals and their habitat not just for their sake, but for our own as well.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Trim your trash, Canadians told

Canadians are saying it's time to clean up our act.

From Oct. 19-25, communities across the country will participate in Waste Reduction Week, an educational campaign devoted to raising awareness about how much garbage Canada produces and how much progress Canadians have made. Events from Vancouver to St. John's will highlight the importance of recycling and ways to curb what we leave at the curb. Oscar the Grouch, Sesame Street's resident trash collector, will play the role of spokesmuppet for the 8th annual campaign, doing two public service announcements and appearances in which he'll explain how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

It's an issue Canadians need to brush up on, says Jo-Anne St. Godard, executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario, which is partnering with other provincial and territorial recycling councils to promote the campaign. She says Canadians are one of the biggest waste generators in the developed world, and we're not paying enough attention to how much ends up in our landfills. "In Ontario, for instance, 20 per cent of our waste gets recycled, when 50 per cent could be recycled," she said. "We need to try our best to reuse the resources that we have. The more we do that, the less need we'll have to seek out virgin materials."

There are easy ways to trim your trash outtake as well, notes St. Godard. Bring a reusable coffee mug to your local java joint instead of taking it in a paper cup, participate in your municipalities' recycling program, and don't use as many plastic bags.

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Sid hits two benchmarks

Sidney Crosby surpassed the 100-goal, 200-assist and 300-point plateaus in a one-goal, three-assist outing on Saturday in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 4-1 win over the Leafs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Two new gigs for Beckham

David Beckham will train with AC Milan beginning in January to stay in shape after the MLS season ends, Italian newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport reported. Beckham wants to remain fit so that he can be called up to play in England's World Cup qualifying matches. It was also announced Sunday that Beckham will serve as the vice-president of the bid to bring the 2018 World Cup to England. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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ALCS Do or die for Red Sox, Rays

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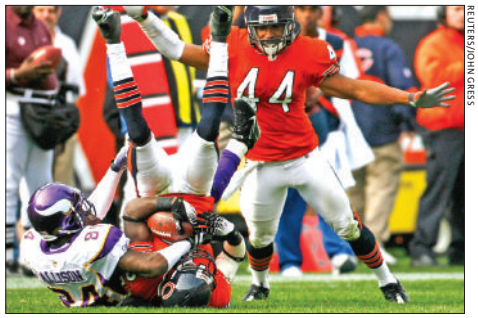
Boston's Dustin Pedroia reacts after being hit by a pitch by Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Garza during the third inning of Game 7 of the American League Championship Series last night. The winner advanced to the World Series against Philadelphia. For a full game report, go to www.metronews.ca

Power outage doesn't stop Bills

Bills 23, Chargers 14

NFL Trent Edwards threw for 261 yards and a touchdown to help the Buffalo Bills overcome both a significant power outage at Ralph Wilson Stadium and the San Diego Chargers in a 23-14 victory played without the use of game clocks or instant replay.

Ralph Wilson Stadium was beset by a power outage prior to the game after some helium balloons became entangled with a transformer across from the stadium. Power was lost a total of three times, with the first outage occurring about a half-hour before kickoff.



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The Chicago Bears' Zackary Bowman intercepts a pass intended for the Minnesota Vikings' Aundrae Allison as the Bears' Kevin Payne looks on during the fourth quarter of Chicago's 48-41 win Sunday.

RAMS 34, COWBOYS 14

Steven Jackson gashed the Dallas defence for 160 yards and three touchdowns as the St. Louis Rams put a 34-14 whipping on the suddenly reeling Cowboys.

The Cowboys' Brad Johnson started at quarterback for the injured Tony Romo, completing 17-of-34 passes for 234 yards with three interceptions for the Cowboys, who have dropped three of four since winning their first three games of the year.

PANTHERS 30, SAINTS 7

Saints RB Reggie Bush injured his left knee on a punt return in the first half of the Saints' 30-7 loss in Carolina and will not travel to London for the Saints' game against San Diego in Wembley Stadium next week.

BEARS 48, VIKINGS 41

Kyle Orton completed 21-of-32 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, and the Bears defence scored two touchdowns, helping Chicago to a 48-41 win over the Minnesota Vikings. The Bears' 48 points mark the first time the team has scored that many since 1986.

Elsewhere in the NFL it was Tennessee 34, Kansas City 10; Green Bay 34, Indianapolis 14; New York Giants 29, San Francisco 17; and Oakland 16, New York Jets 13. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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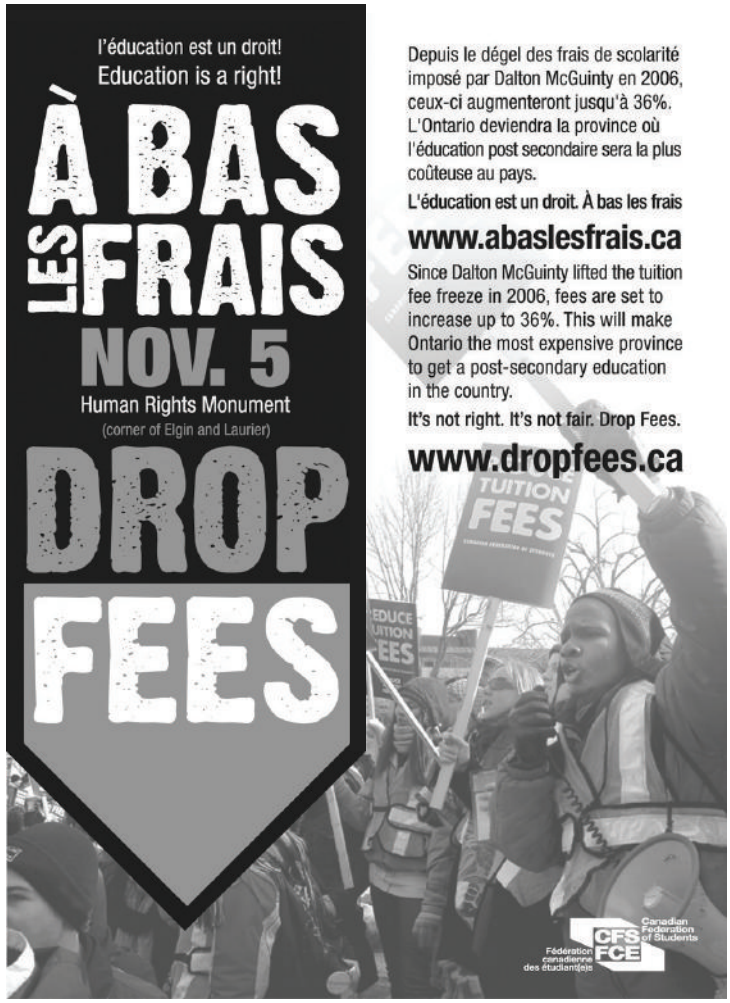
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Student groups call tuition disparity in Canada 'unfair'
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Workology

Market woes
Scholarships, student aid, and research funding at the University of Ottawa could be reduced if North American stock markets continue to fall, affecting the school's endowment fund. UOttawa expects to have at least a 10-per-cent loss this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Who wants to be boss?

As the U.S. presidential candidates campaign for the role of commander-in-chief, a new survey shows the average worker is decidedly less enthusiastic about taking the lead.

More than three-quarters (77 per cent) of employees polled said they have no desire to fill their manager's shoes. In addition, six in 10 (60 per cent) said they could not do a better job than their boss.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm.

Workers who have a boss were asked, "Would you like to have your manager's job?"

These respondents also were asked, "Do you think you could do a better job than your boss?"

The survey also revealed demographic differences among respondents:

- In general, workers 18 to 34 years showed the most interest in their manager's position (32 per cent) and were more likely to believe they could do a better job (43 per cent). Men were more inclined than women to want their manager's job: 32 per cent versus 10 per cent.
- Likewise, slightly more male workers thought they could do a better job than their boss (38 per cent) compared to women (30 per cent).

"Employees who observe their boss often don't envy the budgeting and personnel decisions he or she has to make, particularly in a challenging economy, and they may conclude the job isn't for them," said Dave Willmer, executive-director of OfficeTeam.

Willmer cautioned that managers might be hindering their own professional growth if few of their employees seek to advance to supervisory roles. "If no one on your staff is interested in assuming greater responsibilities, it will be hard for you to advance," he added. "Supervisors should have a succession plan in place to identify top performers and groom them for promotion opportunities."

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Humble beginnings for slab spinner extraordinaire

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Juan Hermosillo demonstrates his pizza-spinning moves.

Five years ago, Juan Hermosillo, a cook in a California restaurant, saw a fellow employee spinning pizza dough, doing fancy moves and making it dance through the air.

"I'd never seen anything like that," recalls Hermosillo, who had gotten into the restaurant business to make enough money for vet school.

When his boss opened up a new restaurant, Hermosillo talked him into letting him make pizzas — he had to be convinced, as Hermosillo was a pretty good cook and was needed in the regular kitchen.

At the new job, Hermosillo started practising his spins. At first, he was rotten at it, and frequently burned himself on the nearby oven and dropped the dough, ruining it. His coworkers were often annoyed. Keeping in mind the acrobatic moves of Cirque du Soleil performers and great jugglers, he forged on with extra practising at home with a wet towel.

Eventually, he mastered the basics. Customers started watching him and his managers suddenly had only praise. "Everything just changed once I got good at it," he says. His boss suggested he go out for a pizza spinning competition he'd seen advertised in a trade magazine. Hermosillo got second place — just seven months after starting to spin.

He kept attending competitions. In 2004, he beat the reigning world champion. In 2006, he competed with the U.S. team at the World Pizza Championships in Italy and came in fourth.

Not only does Hermosillo make the dough do gravity-defying spins, but he incorporates juggling (using two pieces of dough at once), breakdancing and acrobatics into his routines.

Eventually, he left his job and made his living spinning pizzas in competitions and as a performer. He ended up living and working in Montreal and in 2007 got hired by Pizza Pizza in Toronto, where he now works as a spokesperson, performer and trainer.

To stay in shape and keep his spinning skills sharp, Hermosillo practises for as many as five hours a day — usually using rubber pizza dough — particularly when he's developing a new move, which can take months to perfect. He sometimes uses a personal trainer to help with gymnastic-like moves, like backflips. When he travels, he makes use of hotel gyms and at home he's turned his living room into a spinning studio.

Now 28, Hermosillo no longer thinks about vet school. Spinning pizza, making pizza (his family's restaurant in California features a Mexican-style steak pizza he invented that's very popular) and promoting spinning is a career he thinks he'd like to stick with for awhile. "It's funny how far I've come with spinning pizza dough."

The Lowdown

Job title: Pizza Spinner
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Education/training: Making pizza in a restaurant and practicing spinning whenever you can
Best Part of the Job: "I really love it when people cheer me on. I come from a humble place, I was born in Mexico City, and I'm always amazing when people ask for my autograph."
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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Students for entrepreneurship

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Gaurav Jain is only 23 and already vice-president of business development for a cutting-edge mobile solutions company.

How did he get to be so successful at such a young age?

Jain and his classmate Kunal Gupta hatched the idea of Polar Mobile last year while still cramming for exams and completing work placements at the University of Waterloo.

The idea became a reality in February when Canada's largest publisher — Rogers Publishing Limited — bought in to Smart Solution, an application they built that delivers content to consumers who use mobile devices such as Blackberry and Apple iPhone.

But years before Polar Mobile was even on their radar, the two software-engineering students came up with an equally ambitious idea: a non-profit, student-led organization promoting entrepreneurship among Canadian youth.

"It's your typical dorm story where we talked about it in our dorm room," Jain says with a grin from Polar Mobile's head office in Toronto.

He said they owe all of their success to Impact Entrepreneurship Group, which they founded and poured their hearts and all of their free time into during the four and a half years they spent as undergrads.

On the web

- You can learn more about Impact at impact.org.

From there, Impact blossomed into what it is today: a 120-member strong, student-run organization with chapters across the country.

Gupta, who is Polar's president and CEO, was in New York on business at the time of this interview but Jain says Polar Mobile is a direct result of the skills they acquired through Impact.

And although they've passed on the reins to student successors, they hope to encourage even more young entrepreneurs to follow their dreams.

"The world's your oyster; you can make it as big as you want and it's all up to you," Jain said.

ROBYN YOUNG/FOR METRO CANADA

Gaurav Jain, left, demonstrates Polar Mobile's Smart Solution application to Simon Wong, 20, communications adviser for Impact Entrepreneurship Group and third-year business student at York University.

Ray Cao, Impact's current 22-year-old president and fourth-year systems design engineering student at the University of Waterloo, says at the college and university level, there's a lack of education about resources available for young entrepreneurs.

"The biggest hurdle people find is they've got a great idea but they don't know how to make it happen," he said in a phone interview from Waterloo.

Team members at Impact — who are hand-selected and some of the country's top young minds — help other students realize their potential by encouraging them to step outside their comfort zone and make something happen, he said.

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Foreign films fight for Oscar

Sixty-three countries will be fighting for a Best Foreign Film Oscar next year after Academy Awards bosses closed submissions. Those battling for a place on the nominations shortlist include entries from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Venezuela. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Space Odyssey

Brad Pitt is set to star in a new adaptation of Homer's The Odyssey — set in outer space. The Odyssey follows the story of Odysseus and his return to Ithaca following the end of the Trojan War. IMDB.COM

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Palin drops in on SNL

U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin put in a widely anticipated appearance on Saturday Night Live, sharing the stage with a host of top stars including Mark Wahlberg, Alec Baldwin and of course Tina Fey, the former SNL star whose impression of Palin has garnered almost as much attention as the Alaska governor herself.

The TV show opened with a mock press conference in which Palin's spokesman requested that the press "don't write anything down."

Fey then appeared as Palin and tossed off a few remarks skewering the vice-presidential candidate, such as "I am looking forward to a portion of your questions," a reference to her occasional practice of answering questions by addressing her own chosen topics.

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Tina Fey, left, portrays U.S. Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin, right, on a recent episode of Saturday Night Live.

Asked if her recent remarks about patriotic states meant there were any unpatriotic ones, Fey-as-Palin rattled off a list of Democratic-leaning states such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and California. Listing swing states such as Ohio, she remarked that they could be either "pro or anti-American ... it's up to them."

The scene then switched backstage to the real Palin and the show's producer Lorne Michaels who were accosted by outspoken, left-leaning actor Baldwin, who said "Hey Tina" before proceeding to trash Palin.

The skit played off Fey's remarkable resemblance to Palin and seeming ability to channel her voice and manner, with Baldwin appearing to think he was talking to Fey while insulting Palin repeatedly. Informed by Michaels he was speaking to Palin herself, he quipped, "You are way hotter in person." REUTERS

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Denis Gagnon's collection closed Montreal Fashion Week.

Travel, colours inspire designer Denis Gagnon

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Metro Canada

Just because he's accustomed to dark shades doesn't mean that Denis Gagnon doesn't like colours. This was proven ten times over by his fashion show on the Marché Bonsecours catwalk last week to close Montreal Fashion Week. These bright and very colourful creations were an antidote to the gloom hanging over the financial markets and to the grey fall weather.

"Yes, I like black, but I also like to wear colours. I'm not in mourning!" Gagnon exclaims, reached at his studio as he was putting the finishing touches on the event.

Colour isn't all. For next spring, Gagnon is using a variety of materials, including silk, leather and jersey, with some of the new techniques he honed last year during a stay at Saga Furs in Copenhagen, a "laboratory for fur, where several major designers have gone, including Christian Lacroix and Jean Paul Gaultier.

"It's a work in progress," he says about his collections and his work with fabrics. Leather with a vintage look or pleated, rumpled and dyed silk — everything is fair game to make the chosen raw material his own.

"Obviously, the dream of every designer is to be able to create his own material, like the big fashion labels, a unique material with its own impression," he concedes. "This is why I work at transforming it, so it becomes mine."

And while "travel is always inspiring" for a designer, Gagnon believes he is just as influenced by his own experiments and by what is happening on a world scale.

Does this mean that the gloomy economic context will have an impact on collections in the coming seasons? "Personally, I follow my instincts more ... I'm not a sociologist, but I think we'll see lively collections that will function as an antidote to gloom."

Box office

Ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates:

1. **Max Payne:** $18 million US
2. **Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** $11.2 million
3. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $11.2 million
4. **W.:** $10.6 million
5. **Eagle Eye:** $7.3 million
6. **Body Of Lies:** $6.9 million
7. **Quarantine:** $6.3 million
8. **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:** $3.9 million
9. **Sex Drive:** $3.6 million
10. **Nights in Rodanthe:** $2.7 million

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Noel says no
Rocker Noel Gallagher has dismissed rumours his band is preparing to write the score for an Oasis musical. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Stupidity makes shows a hit

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"Then there's the systemic stupidity built into a show's DNA, like the conviction that everyone has to have in the premise of America's Next Top Model."

THICK AS A BRICK: Smart will keep your car running or give you a really clever way to avoid holidays with the family, but stupid makes the world go around, as well as putting the "rama" in drama.

Let's face it — most of the energy expended over the course of human history has been put into fixing the screw-ups and boners people make when their judgment is off or their ability to think past "kill-eat-fornicate" is stuck in neutral, with all the good stuff — altruism, innovation, selflessness and nobility — being done on weekends and evenings, on a pro bono basis.

The same thing goes with drama and comedy, the cookie and filling of the entertainment Oreo; think of how short Macbeth would have been if the title character had encountered the trio of witches in that misty forest clearing and gone "Uh yeah — three verbose hags crouched in some Scottish wood claim to control the weather in the eastern Mediterranean. Sure thing, babes. If you'll excuse me, I've got to be getting home to divorce my bossy shrew of a wife."

The play would be an act long, and end with Macbeth and Banquo giving bumps to the king and heading home for some haggis and single malt.

MSNBC's web site isn't normally the place I go for sly cultural criticism, but last week they printed a piece celebrating the audacious strains of stupid that make television so compelling. Writer Linda Holmes essentially divides broadcast imbecility into two strains — the stupid necessary to fulfill the demands of delivering drama, laughs, or both, and the systemic stupidity needed to make sure most shows are longer than a single, memorable but catastrophic episode. At least one type of dumb must be present, even in really great shows, but it's entirely possible to have both, and still produce a hit.

In the former camp, there's Survivor, which demands that its contestants do exactly the sorts of things you probably wouldn't do if you were really stranded in some remote armpit of nature with a bunch of strangers.

"First, it counts on people to forget that other people also are attempting to win," Holmes writes. "Second, it counts on its contestants to take everything far too much to heart, personalizing what should be no more emotional than a long poker game.

"But it needs all this stupidity. Without regular freak-outs about betrayal and loyalty, Survivor would just be a lot of people walking around in dirty bathing suits and periodically running through obstacle courses."

Then there's the systemic stupidity built into a show's DNA, like the conviction that everyone, from Tyra Banks on down, has to have in the by-now fantastic premise of America's Next Top Model. "Tyra's total lack of perspective is what lends the show drama and phony importance," writes Holmes. "If it were called America's Mostly Obscure Temporary Cover Girl Spokesperson, what kind of ratings would it get?" The magic thing about TV is that being aware of all of this actually makes you smarter than these shows, even if you watch them every week. It's the polar opposite of politics, where recognizing the dull deceit at the heart of the medium and still enjoying the spectacle either makes you a fool or what the media wryly calls an "insider."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Millionaire show in Afghanistan?

GAME SHOW It may still be an active military theatre, but Afghanistan is about to get an injection of Western entertainment with the launch of an Afghan version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.

2waytraffic International, owned by Sony Pictures Entertainment, has licensed the Millionaire format rights to local producer Shams Prods., which is in final discussions with an undisclosed broadcaster.

The deal, announced Friday, marks the first time a light entertainment format has been officially licensed into the territory.

Motown great Stubbs dies at 72

FAREWELL Levi Stubbs, lead singer of the Four Tops and one of the most recognizable voices of Motown soul in hits such as Reach Out I'll Be There, has died in Detroit after a long illness. Stubbs, 72, and the other members of the Four Tops began touring together after graduating from high school in 1954.

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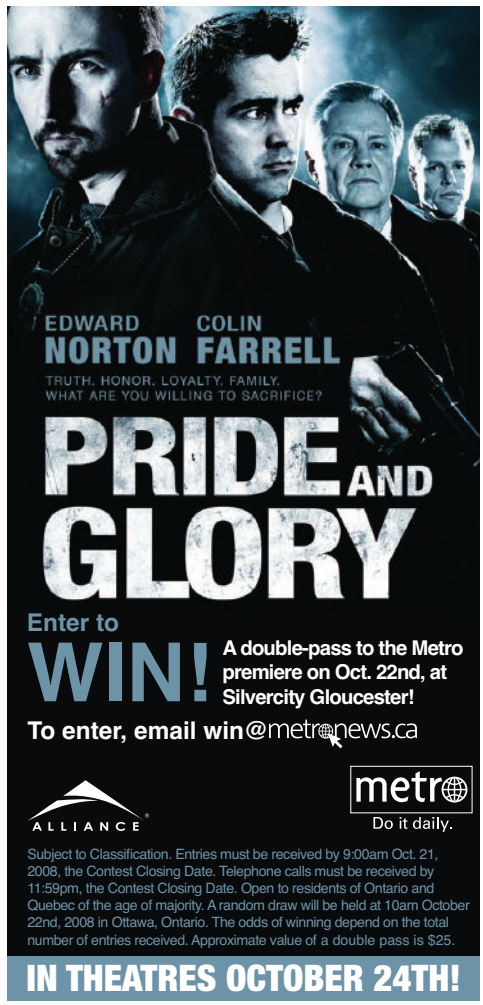
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critics' corner

Chuck
Chuck (Zachary Levi) learns more about Sarah's (Yvonne Strahovski) past when they run into her old high-school nemesis Heather Chandler (Nicole Richie). Sarah's teenage insecurities come to the surface, and she tries to avoid Heather at all costs. When Heather's husband, Mark (Ben Savage), turns out to be a key player in an upcoming mission, the agents must attend Sarah's high-school reunion to prevent the sale of potentially dangerous plans. 8 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

Shumka's Cinderella
It's "Cinderella" with a definite cultural slant. More than 40 dancers take to the stage to present the story of the young woman who rises from rags to riches. Called "Popoliushka" in the Ukrainian version of the tale, she is guided not by a fairy godmother, but by a Gypsy woman who assists her — which makes this story quite a bit more relatable than the Disney version. 9 PM on 40 BVO

Duchovny's tennis coach not denying affair

David Duchovny's tennis coach has sparked rumours her friendship with the actor was the cause for his split from wife Tea Leoni. Edit Pakay, 28, has reportedly failed to deny that she was having an affair with the star. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie, Pitt fell in love on set

CONTROVERSY Angelina Jolie has sparked a new scandal after confessing she and Brad Pitt fell in love on the set of action movie Mr. & Mrs. Smith — while the movie hunk was still wed to Jennifer Aniston, imdb.com reports.

The couple has always maintained there was no romance on the set of the 2005 film, and the pair just became "very, very good friends," but now Jolie has a different story.

In an interview with the New York Times newspaper, Jolie lets it slip about where she and Pitt fell in love.

Asked when she thinks her children will be able to watch Mr. + Mrs. Smith, Jolie states, "Not a lot of people get to see a movie where their parents fell in love."

She also tells the Times that she's preparing for a heart to heart chat with her eldest son, Maddox, after realizing he's at an age where his curiosity might lead him to Google his parents online.

She explains she worries the seven year old will "look up my name and see some kind of sexy pictures or read a story about himself that isn't true. There's a lot we're going to have to explain to them about how public their family is."

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Dick to wear alcohol monitoring bracelet

PEOPLE Comedy actor Andy Dick will have to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet for a year, after pleading guilty to two misdemeanour charges of battery and marijuana possesson in a California court on Friday, imdb.com reports.

Dick struck a deal, ensuring charges of public intoxication and possession of painkiller Xanax without a prescription were dropped.

The accusations all stem from the 42-year-old's arrest outside a restaurant in Murrieta, California in July — after he allegedly exposed a 17-year-old girl's breasts.

When police searched the comedian, they found marijuana and Xanax.

Sexual battery charges were dropped back in August.

Speaking outside court, Dick's attorney Jeffery Rubenstein told reporters, "Andy is a great guy. We are considering this matter closed. He's looking forward to putting this matter behind him."

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McGowan to wed director

RUMOUR Actress Rose McGowan has bounced back from rumours she and boyfriend Robert Rodriguez have split by announcing the pair are engaged and she's planning the perfect wedding, imdb.com reports.

McGowan has told reporters that she and the cult director are planning to marry in 2009.

"I am engaged," she said, revealing Rodriguez proposed to her in September after divorcing his first wife Elizabeth.

McGowan and Rodriguez met on the set of the Grindhouse movie Planet Terror and are now reportedly teaming up to make remakes of Red Sonja and Barbarella.

McGowan admits she has her perfect wedding in her sights.

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Ritchie says he is 'doing fine'

BREAKUP Guy Ritchie is "doing fine" since news of his impending divorce with Madonna hit the news, a friend tells People.

"(The divorce) is news to you and everyone else, but for Guy this has been a long time coming," the friend adds. "I think he's sort of relieved that it's all out there. He doesn't have to fake it anymore."

As for the kids — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, and David, 3 — the friend says, "They're great. They are Guy and Madonna's top priority." METRO NEWS SERVICES

celebrity briefs

Furtado confirms she tied the knot

MARRIAGE Nelly Furtado's Maneater days are over, People.com reports.

In an interview with Entertainment Tonight Canada airing Friday night, the British Columbia-born singer confirmed that she married sound engineer Demacio "Demo" Castellon over the summer.

"We got married July 19th," she said. "I love it."

The singer continued, "It's a nice phase of my life."

Furtado, 29, recently sported a new diamond ring in Miami, sparking rumors that she had tied the knot.

"I just feel kind of free and relaxed and more in tune with trying not to be so stressed out," she said.

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Lohan lashes out at the press

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has hit out at the press for pursuing her even when she's out clubbing, because it makes her feel like a caged animal, female-first.co.uk reports.

Lohan headed out to a Washington, D.C., club late last week to support her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, who was playing a set at the venue. But Lohan was unable to fully enjoy herself because of all the unwanted attention from photographers and excited clubgoers clamouring to get a picture of the star.

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Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

You know that T.V. commercial that features people doing happy dances because they've won, or feel they might win, the lottery? That's what I imagine **Guy Ritchie** is doing right about now. I know I'll miss that, "Please help me, I just wanted to give my directorial career a boost, but now I'm trapped with the waffle-haired cryptkeeper" look he always had in their pictures together, but it's hard to begrudge a guy the taste of freedom from utter insanity.

True, **Guy** probably acquired one more African orphan (if a kid with a living father can be considered an orphan) than he would have liked, and the fact that he had one biological child with **Madge** means he'll have to have some kind of contact with her until one of them dies, but at least he can kiss goodbye to the maddeningly fake accent, the macrobiotic food, the Kaballah water enemas, the ridiculous wrestling belt and the bedroom ceiling screen showing Shanghai Surprise 24/7.

His estranged wife has already made comments indicating that **Ritchie**'s emotional distance was a problem for her. Duh, he's English. Those guys are light years behind North American males when it comes to being completely emasculated.

There's already speculation on how much money **Ritchie** will get in the settlement. My position is that he just spent eight years with one of the world's chief causes of human suffering, so that hundreds of millions of men didn't have to. Whatever he gets, it ain't enough.

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Heigl, husband may adopt from South Korea

MARRIAGE Actress Katherine Heigl and her husband Josh Kelley are planning to adopt a child from South Korea within the next year, according to reports.

The couple has reportedly chosen South Korea because Heigl's older sister Meg was adopted from the country, imdb.com reports.

"Meg has had a profound impact on Katherine's life, which is why she and Josh are trying to adopt a Korean child," a source tells the National Enquirer. "They've chosen an adoption agency and have started filing the necessary paperwork. They haven't gone public with the news yet because they want to make sure there are no problems before they make an announcement."

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Eminem documents grief in new book

MEMOIR In a new memoir, rapper Eminem recalls his devastating grief after the 2006 shooting death of his close friend and fellow D12 rapper Proof, People.com reports.

"I have never felt so much pain in my life," he writes in The Way I Am, which hits stores Oct. 21 and features dozens of personal photos, handwritten lyrics and sketches. "It was tough for me to even get out of bed, and I had days when I couldn't walk, let alone write a rhyme."

Eminem, 36, also opens up about how he and ex-wife Kimberly Mathers are co-parenting daughter Hailie, 12, teenage niece Alaina, and 6-year-old Whitney, Kim's daughter from a previous relationship.

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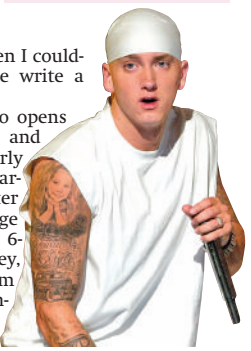

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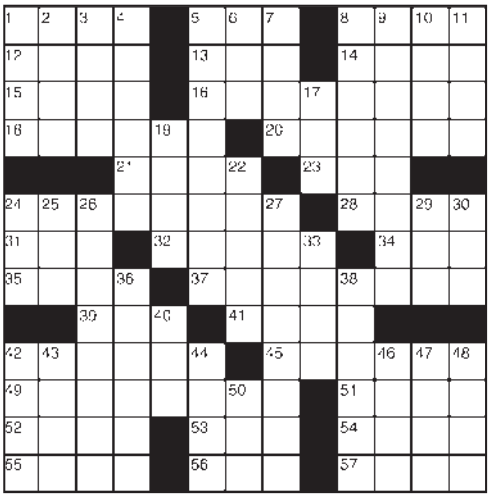

Crossword across

1 Friend
5 Egos' counterparts
8 Leading man?
12 Sax-playing Simpson
13 Born
14 Arizona city
15 Greek war god
16 Somewhat sore, as a throat
18 Know-it-all, maybe
20 Desert waterway
21 Bound
23 Distant
24 Wrote hastily
28 Philosopher Immanuel
31 Gorilla
32 Done in
34 Plaything
35 Cleanse
37 Ice-removing gadgets
39 Pitch
41 Medal earner
42 Illinois city
45 Mythological maidens
49 Prepare eggs, in a way
51 Repast
52 "— a Lady"
53 Vegas intro
54 Therefore
55 Throw
56 Sullivan and McMahon
57 Strong yearning

Crossword down

1 Applaud
2 Employ
3 Secondhand
4 Spice blend of Indian cuisine
5 Sets up for use
6 Last calendar pg.
7 Antitoxins
8 National Railroad Passenger Corporation
9 Adorn
10 Wan
11 BLT topper
17 "Bow-wow!"
19 Information
22 Fuzzy fruit
24 Witnessed
25 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
26 Makes good as new
27 Tragic condition
29 Neither mate
30 Pennington and Cobb
33 — a soul (nobody)
36 Bother repeatedly
38 Saddle knob
40 Edge
42 Hushed "Hey, you!"
43 Reverberate
44 Skilled
46 South American land
47 Crones
48 Coin aperture
50 Young fellow

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5		3				4		6
	1		6		2		7	
8								9
		4	5		8	6		
	9						4	
		1	7		6	5		
9								2
	5		4		1		3	
1		8				7		4

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

8	6	7	3	2	1	4	9	5
3	1	9	4	6	5	8	2	7
4	2	5	9	8	7	1	6	3
1	3	6	2	7	4	5	8	9
7	4	2	8	5	9	6	3	1
9	5	8	1	3	6	2	7	4
5	7	3	6	4	2	9	1	8
2	8	1	5	9	3	7	4	6
6	9	4	7	1	8	3	5	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Turkey Club Sandwich

INGREDIENTS:

4 strips lean bacon, halved
12 slices whole-wheat sandwich bread, toasted
½ cup (125 mL) light mayonnaise
8 lettuce leaves
1 large tomato, thinly sliced
8 oz (250 g) thinly sliced cooked turkey breast
8 tiny sweet pickles
8 pimiento-stuffed green olives

METHOD:

1. Cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Drain and set aside.
2. Spread each bread slice with mayonnaise. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of four bread slices, then top each with tomato and two half-strips bacon. Add another slice of bread, mayo side up, and top with remaining lettuce. Divide turkey evenly among sandwiches. Top with remaining bread.
3. Cut sandwiches in half diagonally. Thread a pickle and an olive onto each of eight wooden toothpicks, then poke a pick into each sandwich half.

PER SERVING:

400 calories, 26 g protein, 45 g carbohydrate, 2 g fibre, 13 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 700 mg sodium

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There's danger of a cranky person visiting you. A grieving person moves toward closure. An agenda is going through a transformation.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forget a deed done in weakness. A crude crook causes anxiety attacks. You'll acquire facility with finances.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You must take charge of a sensitive issue. A presumptuous expert will probe a sore spot. A baffling man is too hilarious.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do not walk through a dark park alone. A manager will stir up memories. A sweet talker will tell secrets.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't let anything get the better of you. A woman's moodiness has a certain elegance. A friend needs a firmer commitment from you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Enlightenment appears when your best friend shares techniques. You'll learn the truth about a distressing situation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Lamps must be checked for flaws. There is no fool like a young fool. Contact is renewed with someone at a distance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A grateful person will support you. The solution to an ironic problem improves working conditions. Get involved when someone needs comfort.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't neglect a frivolous idiot. Positive progress is made in talks. A dismal male will get your attention in a vexing way.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's no need to feel sorry for a troublemaker. Home is the place to retreat when you're vulnerable. Loneliness will fade.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A spirited female applies logic with care. A friendly enemy stops playing games. A fair man demands that you do the right thing.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't push anyone around in a debate. Play nice with enemies. Nobody wants to get legal correspondence.

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OCT. 20, 1973: The Saturday Night Massacre: President Nixon fires Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus after they refuse to fire Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, who is finally fired by Robert Bork.
OCT. 20, 1977: A plane carrying Lynyrd Skynyrd crashes in Mississippi, killing lead singer Ronnie Van Zant and guitarist Steve Gaines along with backup singer Cassie Gaines, the road manager, pilot, and co-pilot.

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